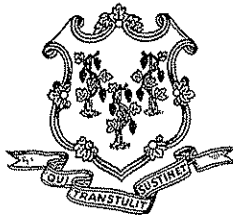


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Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan and members of the Public Safety Committee:

I write to express my support for **SB 765: AAC Alerts for Abducted or Missing Children**.

Now more than ever, protecting our children must continue to be our top priority. Amber Alerts have proven to be an effective way of locating a missing child.

For example, on October 5, 2010, Manchester police were summoned to investigate a family dispute and an abduction of two children in progress. The Manchester Police Department activated an Amber Alert for the missing children. After hearing the Amber Alert, an off-duty State Trooper in Andover observed the suspect's vehicle with the abducted children inside. The trooper and a Manchester police sergeant who was also in the area arrested the suspect and rescued the children without incident.

A child goes missing every 40 seconds in the United States. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children currently documents 15 children in the State of Connecticut that have been missing for years. With the advent of increased technology, children have increased access to risks and have become even more vulnerable to predators.

When children disappear, law enforcement needs to have the proper tools to find them quickly to ensure their safety. With this in mind, I believe our state law needs to be clarified in regard to when a law enforcement agency may request an emergency alert. Our law should allow such a request when the missing person is a runaway. When certain conditions are met, we should allow for the authorization of an alert when a child is reported to have run away from home.

I ask for your support on SB 765 to help expand our existing Amber Alert law to ensure the safety and recovery of missing children. This measure, if passed, can save lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Kane".

Senator Rob Kane